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REMARKS

In the most recent Office Action, dated April 3, 2006, the Examiner has stated that claims 1-33 are pending in the Application. The undersigned then contacted the Examiner, pointing out that the Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on July 23, 2003, amending the claims and adding five (5) new claims: 34-38. In response, on April 17, 2006 the Examiner faxed a new restriction requirement to the undersigned.


In this new restriction requirement, the claims have been restricted in the following manner:

Group I: claims 1-5, 10-38 allegedly drawn to processing query using the database classified in class 707, subclass 3

Group II: claims 6-9 allegedly drawn to copying input data set, classified in class 707, subclass 100

Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of claims 1-5, 10-38 for prosecution at this time. This election is made without traverse, and no representations are made by this election concerning the merits of the Restriction Requirement with respect to the possible existence of multiple distinct inventions among the originally present claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of all non-elected claims in one or more related applications. Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending elected claims.

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